Subject No. 121.

Travellers' Bungalows.

Summary of discussion.—Enquiry as to the accommodation, sanitary condition, appurtenances of Travellers' Bungalows, &c., is very necessary. Some Bungalows are maintained in places where they are not needed, while none exist where they are very much needed, as at Birur. In some cases, their sanitary condition is very bad and in some, the furniture is inadequate, particularly crockery and cutlery. (*Vide* also representation contained in Subject No. 1, cl: (h.) *supra*).

Dewan's reply. (After consulting Deputy Commissioners and the Chief Engineer).—The fees received in these Bungalows are in several cases out of all proportion to the cost of their maintenance and of the supplies of furniture asked for. The best plan would be to re-classify these Bungalows with reference to the number of days in the year during which European travellers other than Government officers have occupied them. Thirty days in the entire year is admittedly a fair minimum to fix to entitle a Bungalow to be supplied with a full complement of furniture including crockery and cutlery. The Chief Engineer will be asked to examine the subject on these lines.

Subject No. 122.

Provincial through-roads in Shimoga Town.

Summary of discussion.—Two or three Provincial roads pass through the town of Shimoga. Travellers going in the direction of Agumbi use the Big Brahmins' street, which is maintained from Municipal Funds, instead of the Provincial road. The former should therefore be regarded as the main through road and an annual Government grant should be given from the P. W. D.

Dewan's reply.—This is a matter for consideration and representation by the Municipal Board.

Subject No. 123.

Burial and cremation grounds for Shimoga Town.

Summary of discussion.—More suitable burial and cremation grounds are required at Shimoga.

Dewan's reply.—These are matters for attention by the local bodies, and not for disposal here.

Subject No. 124.

Act XIII of 1859 and Contractors' coolies.

Summary of discussion.—Contractors and others in Shimoga town employ coolies. These coolies obtain advances and fail to do work. Magistrates dismiss complaints under this head as not coming within the provisions of Act XIII of 1859. People resorting to Civil Courts against coolies have to lose time and money. People want the coolies to be brought under the provisions of the said Act.

Dewan's reply.—The Act exists, and if not correctly administered in individual cases, appeal. It cannot be extended to those to whom it does not now apply.

Subject No. 125.

Town Magistrate and Vice-President for Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—The Vice-President of the Municipal Board at Shimoga has a great deal of work to do. It is not convenient to appoint a whole time Vice-President. If one of the Officers located here be made Town Magistrate and Vice-President, the Municipal work will undoubtedly be performed properly.